SENATE WILL REJECT FYKE AND JOHNSON AS COMMISSIONERS.

THUS FIGURE - VISE ONES. LAYS BETWEEN GREGORY.

The Two Former Are 6 erally Regarded as the Men Whom Governor Stephens Will Select to Administer the Police

Department.

ROBT. CARY AND CARRITT.

although Police Commissioner Frank G. " mon his return last week from a sal to Governor Stephens that the state renate would confirm him and M. A. Fyke as members of the Lansas City police board, it did not allay the spirit of speculation as to their probable successors. If anything, it increased public interest in the GROVER AN AUTOBIOGRAPHER. tion as to their probable successors. If matter and politicians stood on the curb and said: "Johnson is whistling as he goes

through the graveyard." It is not believed that either Mr. Johnson or Mr. Fyke will be confirmed. In fact, the contrary is the general opinion. The report of the senate investigating committee on the condition of affairs in Kansas City and the official conduct of the two Democratic police commissioners will be made either Monday or Tuesday. Word comes from Jefferson City that embodied in the report will be a roast on Mr. Johnson of such warmth and depth that he will imagine he has inadvertently made connection with a live wire. Commissioner Fyke, who appeared before the committee as the greatest living innocent of modern times, will probably be handled in the report with soft mittens. There was an expressive earnestness in those hig blue eyes of his, when he said he did not know gambling existed so openly in Kansas City, that cast a subtle hypnotic spell over the members and they murmured one unto the other: "It would be wrong to use a club here.'

The police commissionership has, it is confidently asserted, narrowed down to three men, Robert Gregory, the grocer; Cary and Will Scarritt. Of the three, Scarritt is the least likely to win. Someone has whispered in the governor's ear that he is a believer in a gold standard and therefore should be cast into the pit. Mesers. Gregory and Cary are both reputed rantankerous free silverites, of "hooray fer Bry'n" order. Incidentally, they are business men and not politicians. It may be that Governor Stephens will see the wisdom of placing business men at the head of the police department and will give the town a chance for a clean-skirted police administration at least

Just once.

Chief Julian is doubtful of his standing and he is keeping the path between Kansas City and Jefferson City warm. When Mr. Bryan went through yesterday Chief Julian swung on, like a small tall to a large kite, and rode right into the state sected, with the second-larged coater from capital with the sound-lunged orator from the North and West. Chief Julian is not in Jefferson City, certainly, for hygienic purposes. His health is good. With the appurposes. His health is good, With the appointment of business men like Gregory and Cary as compissioners, Mr. Julian mighs C. I his occupation gone, in rack, the wise ones already are figuring on "Whig" Keshlear or some other free silver Democrat as chief of Kansas City's relice.

### APPLICATION OF SINGLE TAX.

Trial Likely to Be Given the Theory in Disposing of Oklahoma School Lands.

Governor Renfrow, of Oklahoma, has promised to exert his influence - toward making an application of the single tax theory in the disposition of school lands in that territory. Congress granted school lands to the territory, and as yet no plan for the disposal of the same has been adopted. At a meeting last evening of the Single Tax Club, one member stated he had been reliably informed that Governor Renfrow a few days since declared he would veto any bill that might be passed by the territorial legislature if it provided for the sale of school lands. The idea of the governor is to provide for the state to lease the lands, collecting therefor rents on the same basis that the tax would be collected should Henry George's scheme become effective. The Kansas City Single Tax Club decided that such of its members as had the time and inclination should write to Governor Renfrow, urging him to maintain the position he has taken in this matter, and also write to members of the territorial legislature, petitioning for the passage of a bill to carry out the single tax theory insofar as the territorial school lands are concerned. that territory. Congress granted school

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interesting paper on the subject of the
de tax was read by S. W. Sterrett at
evening's meeting of the club, after
there was a general discussion of the

### MR. AND MRS. PORTER HURT.

Thrown to the Pavement From Their Buggy by a Fractious Horse-Other Accidents.

A high spirited horse driven by E. W. Porter took fright at Fourth and Walnut streets at 7 o'clock last night and, turning quickly, threw Mr. Porter and his wife, who were in the buggy, to the ground. Mr. Who were in the buggy, to the ground. Air, Porter received slight bruises on his face and body and legs, and his wife was cut over the left eye. They were taken into Central police station, where the surgeon dressed their wounds and they went to their home at 2510 Locust street.

When Edward Jackley, a 16-year-old boy employed by the Lechtman Printing Com-pany, at Fifth and Delaware streets, attempted to place a belt over a shaft whee tempted to place a belt over a shart wheel at 19 o'clock yesterday morning his left hand was caught in the belt and before the machinery could be stopped his arm was drawn over the shaft and the bones of the forearm fractured. He was attended by the police surgeon and sent to his home at 1712 Cherry street.

Mrs. J. W. Jenkins, wife of the late music dealer on Main street, fell while alighting from a cable car at Eighth street and Woodland avenue, Friday night, and sustained a scalp wound an inch and a half long. She was attended at her home, 1903 East Ninth street, by Dr. luen and left in good condition.

### PROBING FOR THE TRUTH.

Suspected Principals on the Rack at Special Meeting of the City Board of Education.

special executive session of the board of education was held last night in the library building. The investigation into the mystery surrounding the charge of plagiarism against Miss Buchanan, princinal of the Woodland school, which was bepai of the woodland school, which was be-gun by the board at its meeting last Thurs-day night, was continued. Although, as at the previous meeting, the members of the board would make no statement as upon whom they fastened the guilt, they stated that they intended to investigate the mat-ter thoroughly and sift the truth out. None of the members would admit that they for thoroughly and slif the truth out. None of the members would admit that they had strong suspicions that two of the leading principals of the public schools were the instigators of the charge. However, the fact that two school principals were seen to leave the library building last night is fair evidence that they had been summoned to appear before the board to explain what they knew in connection with the matter.

e matter. A member of the board stated that when truth was learned the board e such action as would forever

## WHOLESALE INVESTIGATION.

Oklahoma House Will Look Inte Treasury Matters and Into All the State Schools.

Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 20 .- (Special.) After day of dry routine, the council adjourned until Monday evening and took the train for home. The house spent the day on the for home. The house spent the day on the school land bill, the only important amendment being to allow township assessors to fix the rental value of each piece of territorial land in his township.

The house is on its hind feet. The Graves house resolution to investigate the territorial treasury passed like a hurricane. Wilson, Vickers, Christian, St. Clair and Graves were appointed as the committee on investigation. The treasurer is putting up the "cheerful face."

By unanimous vote, a house resolution passed to investigate the territorial univerpassed to investigate the territorial univerpassed. ONE FOR WOMEN, ONE AGAINST.

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By unanimous vote, a house resolution passed to investigate the territorial university at Norman, the normal school at Edmond and the agricultural and mechanical college at Stillwaier. The last named was investigated at length by the last legislature. "Not guilty, but don't do it again" was all that ever came of it. Nepotism is the trouble charged at the normal school. It has also been publicly proven that a regent of that school had an old soldier discharged so that his son could become janitor at \$50 per month. The boy hired a negro for \$50 and went to school on the balance. This regent is Al Boles, of Perry, who represented his district in the last council. Some hair will be sure to fly unless Boles is too bald.

### President Cleveland to Devote the Next Few Years to Writing

About Himself. Chicago, Feb. 20 .- The Post's Washing ton special says: President Cleveland told his personal friend and admirer, ex-Com missioner of Agriculture Norman J. Colman, that he was going to devote his spare man, that he was going to devote his spare time during the next few years, or an indefinite period, to the writing of a book on autobiographical lines, dating from his election to the mayoralty of Buffalo down to the 4th of March, 18%. He says he is going to live the life of a retired gentleman, so far as he may be permitted to do so, and will not engage in the practice of law. He has now arrived at the age of nearly 69 years and, being in the possession of a comfortable competence, will devote the remainder of his life to private pursuits. He said he has been accumulating suits. He said he has been accumulating a large amount of data bearing upon the subject and would take his time in com-piling the story, which he intended to make as complete as possible.

## OXEN DREW THE HEARSE.

Downger Empress of Japan Couldn' Be Buried Until the Right Kind Were Found.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.-Oriental advices per steamship China state that the remains of the late dowager empress of Japan were buried in great state at Kyoto. Considera ble difficulty was found in making the proper arrangements for transporting the body to Kyoto. Ancient custom required that three oxen, harnessed one after the other, should draw the funeral car. The one between the shafts must have black and white spots on the body, a white star on the forehead and white stockings on all four legs. The one immediately in front of the shafts must have a dun skin, with black flecks, and the leader must be pure black. Much search was required to find the first of these three, but at last he was discovered at a remote place in the country. An ancient law provides imperatively that the oxen drawing the funeral car of one of the royal family must be marked in the manner described. ble difficulty was found in making the prop

### A FATAL SNOWSLIDE.

Two Men Killed Near Pitkin, Col., Yesterday-Mior Grande Same / tion Wrecked.

Pitkin, Col., Feb. 20.—A snow slide this morning at about 4:30 o'clock near the Cleoously injured J. W. Bingham. men, Frank McCarty and Mike Mammor were also caught in the slide, but escaped with only slight bruises. The men were with only slight bruises. The men were askeep in the cabin when the slide came. The slide was of 400 feet wide. It swept away the cal. . . .d inmates, burying them underneath so real feet of snow and debris. Telluride, Col., Feb. 20.—A monster snowslide came down this afternoon and demolished 'Ophir station on the Rio Grande Southern railroad between Riccand Vance Junction, with four loaded freight cars and four empty ones standing on the sidetrack. Agent E. L. Gamble had his ankle severely sprained and Mrs. Gamble was badly bruised. She was knocked under a-table over which timbers fell, which probably saved her life. The depot is a complete wreck. Snow and debris piled up on the main and sidetracks near the site of the depot fifty feet in depth by 500 feet in width. The slide cut a new path 300 feet wide through a heavy growth of timber on the mountain above the station.

ceived neither Eastern or Western mail.
A work train which went out of Telluride
this morning to help the passenger train
which left Ridgway yesterday afternoon
for Telluride and Rico was ditched on Dallas divide, and it is very doubtful if the passenger gets into Telluride to-night. A assenger train is still stuck near Rico From all indications the storm is over.

### NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION.

Press Room of the Chicago Chronicle Badly Wrecked-Explosion

Chicago, Feb. 20 .- By an explosion of atural gas in the press room of the Chron icle this morning, six persons were burned and about \$10,000 damage was done. Tw persons, John McMillan, foreman, and Matthew Bayne, mailer, are said to be dangerously hurt. The explosion was caused by a leak in the pipes near the press

oom. The force of the explosion shook the building to its foundation, burling the workmen to the ground. A moment later flames were discovered eating their wa through the woodwork immediately below through the woodwork Immediately below the sidewalk on Washington street. It required an hour to entirely subdue the flames. Those painfully, but not danger-ously, injured were: Lewis Hargrove, chief engineer; Charles Dupus, clerk; Alfred Steinger, Benjamin McMillan. Several passersby were blown off their feet by the explosion. Great inconvenience was caused in the Journal counting and composing rooms. Smoke poured into the composing rooms. Smoke poured into the former from the basement of the adjoin ing building and soon became so dense that work was impossible. No damage was done, however.

### TWO CHILDREN INCINERATED. Set Fire to the Grass in the Yard While Left at Home

Perry, O. T., Feb. 20,-(Special.) Nora Cain, 4 years old, and her brother of 2, living near Shaner, a few miles from here. set fire to the grass in the yard during their mother's absence. Their clothing caught fire, burning both to death before

the fiames could be extinguished by neighbors. They were children of John Cain ; Street Car Struck by Lightning

Chicago, Feb. 20.—During a thunder storm early this morning lightning struck a Forty-third street electric car. The car was full of workingmen on their way to the stock yards. All were badly shocked and one man, Zach Root, had to be removed in an ambulance. The car was badly damaged.

Drunken Horseman Killed. Eureka Springs, Ark., Feb. 20.—(Special John Wilkins, a prominent farmer, aged tyears, fell from his horse on Main stree and was instantly killed. The horse by ame frightened at the gyratons of his in-oxicated rider, unseated him and Wilkins dishted on his head, breaking his neck. Wilkins leaves a wife and large family of mail children.

Will Be Called the Astoria. New York, Feb. 20.—John Jacob Astor's \$5,000,000 hotel, which is in course of erection next to the Waldorf, will be called the Astoria.

TWO IMPORTANT MISSOURI SU-PREME COURT DECISIONS.

MOST ELECTIVE OFFICES HELD TO BE OPEN TO BOTH SEXES.

Women May Hold Any That Are Not Specifically Barred Against Them by Statute-Cannot Hold the Office of School Di-

rector, However.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 20.-(Special.) Division No. 1 of the state supreme court adjourned this afternoon until March 3. Before doing so, it rendered two important lecisions affecting the right of women to hold office in Missouri.

The first decision was in the case of the state ex rel the attorney general vs. F. P. Hostetter, and by the decision therein omen are declared to be eligible to hold all state and county offices which are not barred against them by express provision in the stautes of the state.

On October 24, 1896, Percy Wheeler, who was clerk of the St. Clair county court, Aled Two days later Governor Stone appointed and commissioned Hostetter to fill out the unexpired term, Mrs. Maggie D. Wheeler, widow of the deceased county clerk was nominated by the Republicans of the county to the office, and she was elected, receiving 1 938 votes. Although the Democrats and Populists made no nomination to the office, Hostetter received nine

On November 16, Mrs. Wheeler received rom the presiding judge of the county a certificate of election, and on November 30 oath of office and gave the bond required by law. Governor Stone, on thereupon demanded the office, and Hosrefused to give her possession, claiming that, being a woman, she was not elitible. Mrs. Wheeler hired an attorney, who came to Jefferson City, and he, after ensultation with the attorney general, decided to make a fight in the supreme court for the office for his client. The attorney general thereupon began the quo warranto ceeding that was decided to-day in favor of Mrs. Wheeler.

In looking into the case the attorney general and the counsel for Mrs. Wheeler and the judges of division No. 1 ascertained an important fact that had previously escaped their attention. It was this: By a aw passed in 1855, it was declared that the office of county court clerk should be held by a free white male citizen of the age of not less than 21 years. When the statuter were revised in 1879, this provision was left out. The court, in its decision, held that a woman is eligible to hold any elective office unless there is express provision in the statutes to the contrary. It is said that this decision will open nearly all the elective state and county offices to women.

The other decision was rendered in the case of the state ex rel Mrs. McSpadden. This case came from Wayne county. Mrs. McSpadden was elected a school director in the town of Piedmont. Her right to become a member was denied and she institute office. The supreme court decided against her, holding that she was not elligible to the office because the act creating the office of school director contains a provision that it shall be held by a male citizen not less than 21 years of age. out. The court, in its decision held that a

### RURAL DELIVERY IN FAVOR. mmense Cost of the Service, How ever, Is Against It-Impossible in Many Places.

Washington, Feb. 20.-The postmasters and the patrons at every one of the forty-our postoffices where rural free delivery has een in operation declare in favor of the plan. The test has been going on only for a limited period, but the offices were so distributed as to make the experiment comthirty-three or thirty-four states. The reports are all in, and the important data gothered will be transmitted by Postmaster General Wilson in a special report to congress probably early next week. The sentiment favorable to the adoption of the comprehensive scheme is unanimous, representing opinions given both by the head of each postoffice and the patrons. The obstacle, however, is the tremendous cost involved. When the experiment was first contemplated it was roughly estimated that rural free delivery to cover the whole country would involve an annual expenditure of over \$29,000,000, but the experience already had shows that \$40,000,000 is a conservative figure. ter General Wilson in a special report to

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The maximum cost of delivering each piece of mail matter was between 6 and 7 cents at Hartsville, Ind., and less than 7 mills at Greenfield, in Franklin county, Mass. The average cost per letter is fixed at a little over 3 cents in these rural deliveries. There are many places, however, where delivery of mail is impossible, and these aggregate a large portion of the country. Postmaster General Wilson has not yet drafted his report, but it is believed he will demonstrate the value of continuance on the experiment for one year. tinuance on the experiment for one year.

### HE IS THE KANSAS M'KNIGHT. Louisville Banker Who Is in Trouble Formerly of the Sunflow-

er State. Topeka, Kas., Feb. 20 .- (Special.) There has been some confusion in the Kansas press over the McKnight who is in trouble s president of the German National bank, of Louisville. In answer to a dispatch, Mr A. G. Ford, managing editor of the Courier-

Journal, says:
"The Louisville McKnight is from Kan-"The Louisville McKnight is from Kansas and was a bank examiner under Harrison, appointed, it is said, on recommendation of Senator Plumb."
This would apparently settle all possible doubt and show that the Louisville dispatch together with the local add as originally appearing in The Journal, was correct.
The statement of Mr. Ford is only part of the truth. While Senator Plumb may have had something to do with McKnight's appointment originally, being pressed to nave had sometiming to do with McKnight's appointment originally, being pressed to do so by the usual flood of indorsements, very soon after, the comptroller of the currency, acting on information concerning McKnight furnished by Senator Plumb, suspended McKnight This was but a few weeks before Senator Plumb died He remained suspended for about six months, when he was reinstated, the details of

## when he was reinstated, the which appeared in The Journal. CLAIMS THE CHILD AS HIS.

Missouri Farmer Seeking to Gain Possession of Supposed Daughter of Mamie Price.

Fort Scott, Kas., Feb. 20.-(Special.) M. Gasco, a Benton county, Mo., farmer, in probate court to-day, claimed the 6-yearold girl, supposed to be the daughter of old girl, supposed to be the daughter of Mamie Price, on the ground that the child is his daughter. The child is now in the hands of a guardian, and Mr. Gasco will commence habeas corpus proceedings to recover her. Mamie Price always claimed the child as her daughter, and upon her conviction of receiving stolen property, deeded the child her property and had a guardian appointed. Mr. Gasco is the Price woman's transfather.

St. Louis Bank Consolidation.

St. Louis, Feb. 20.-Negotiations for the onsolidation of the Third National and St. Louis, Feb. 22.—Negotiations for the consolidation of the Third National and Chemical National banks were completed to-day. Under the agreement, the Third National takes all assets and assumes all liabilities practically buying out the Chemical. The stockholders of the Chemical National bank will realize \$5 per share net cash for their stock. No change at present will be made in the officers of the Third National

### DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Wife of a Connecticut Postmaster an a Young Man Found Dead in the Woman's Home.

Falls Village, Conn., Feb. 20.-When he awoke this morning, the 10-year-old son of Postmaster Walter Chaplin found the corpse of his mother in the dining room of their home and near by the dead body of Charles Mead, about 25 years old, the on of Rev. H. P. Mead, formerly of Falls Village, but now of Scotland, Conn. Some distance away was a revolver, with several chambers empty. Mr. Chapin, who is engaged as superintendent of Henry Bishop's factory at Sheffield, Mass., was summoned home upon the discovery of th dcuble tragedy. The supposition is that Mead killed Mrs. Chapin and himself, but the facts in the case are not known. Coroner Higgins said to-night:

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"I have rendered no yerdict in the case and will probably not do so until the early part of next week. I have no hesitancy, however, in stating that unless there are new developments, I shall report to the superior cierk that Mrs. Chapin met her death at the hands of Charles F. Mead, and that the latter killed himself. I am practically convinced that the man shot the woman twice and then killed himself. Mead bore an unsavory reputation and we practically concluded that he went to the Chapin residence because he was infatuated with Mrs. Chapin, and, because he was thwarted in certain purposes, committed the crime of murder and suicide."

Chapin had confided the administration of the postoffice to his wife, as his duties as superintendent of hatcheries at Sheffield kept him occupied there a large part of the time. Mrs. Chapin was supposed to be at home spending the night alone with her child, Joseph.

### A FIGHT WITH INDIANS. Clash Between a Band of Papagos and

the Authorities of a Mexican Town.

Nogales, A. T., Feb. 20 .- A fight occurred last Sunday between the authorities of the mining town of El Piomo, Sonora, Mexico, and a band of Papago Indians, in which four of the latter were killed and two badsent to the camp of the Papagos to arrest was driven off, one horse being killed. Sunday morning, Chief Pablo, of the band, and twenty-five of his followers entered El Plomo, where they were all arrested El Plomo, where they were all arrested and lodged in jail. In the afternoon fifteen more indians rode into town and attacked the jail. They were repulsed, with the result stated above. Tuesday, it is said, Chief Pabio attacked the guard at the jail with a knife and was shot dead. Pablo was the son of one of the most influential chiefs in the Papago nation, and it is feared that serious trouble will result.

### HIS LIFE FOR A KISS. Tried to Steal the Kiss and Was Killed by a Blow With

n Club. New York, Feb. 20.-Victorio Margigliano who combines in his own person the callings of banker and barber, and Angelia Frauta, his so-called common law wife, are in custody, charged with responsibility for the death of Francisco Priori, a la borer. Mott street was the scene of the tragedy. Yesterday Priori, who had been drinking, tried to kiss Mrs. Luigi, whom he

drinking, tried to kiss Mrs. Luigi, whom he came upon as she was gossiping with some other Italian women. The familiarity was resented, but Priori was persistent and when Mrs. Luigi ran into Margigliano's place of business Priori followed. The barber and banker interfered and Priori drew a knife and slastifed Margigliano on the cheek. Mrs. Frauta, armed with a club, felled him senseless to the floor. He died at the hospital to-day and Margigliano and his mistress have been locked up to await the action of the coroner's jury. he action of the coroner's jury.

### WATOVA, I. T., TRAIN ROBBERS. Held Up a Local Train and Evidently

Intended to Rob a Pass-

enger Train. Muskogee, I. T., Feb. 20 .- (Special.) The particulars of a daring train robbery were reported at the marshal's office this morn ing. Last night while the north bound loca on the Valley road had taken the siding at on the Valley road had taken the siding at Watova for the passenger, two masked men entered the caboose and at the point of sixshooters compelled Conductor Matt Wallace and Brakeman Cotton to hand over \$9.50 and a revolver. The passenger train pulled in at this moment, and the men would have attempted to rob it had not the citizens of the town been aroused and they were compelled to fee. The men were well masked and no one could recognize them. They evidently intended to hold up the passenger also. ognize them. They evidently hold up the passenger also.

For Abducting a Colored Lass. Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 20.—A white man named James Asher was arrested here tonight on a charge of abducting Bell Overstreet, a 13-year-old colored girl, from her home, fourteen miles northwest of here. The two walked to the city, carrying a camp outfit and blankets with them. The two were not allowed to marry, and so ran off. The neighbors followed and threatened to lynch the man. He had two revolvers on him when arrested.

Teacher Charged With Cruelty.

Fort Scott, Kas., Feb. 29.—(Special.) Charges of cruelty were preferred to-day against Moses McElroy, one of the best known teachers of the county. He had trouble with one of his grown pupils yesterday, when others interfered and a general fight ensued. Two sons of Lon Neal, one of the members of the school board, were badly bruised. Mr. McElroy claims he only defended himself against an unprovoked assault. Seward, O. T., Depot Robbed.

# Perry. O. T., Feb. 29.—(Special.) The Santa Fe depot at Seward, a small station south of here, was broken into last night by burglars and the contents of the cash drawer taken. Nothing else was molested. A considerable amount of money was in the safe, which was locked, but no attempt was made to open it. Entrance was gained by taking out a pane of glass,

Attempt at Train Wrecking.

Clinton, Mo., Feb. 20.—An attempt was made three miles north of here at 11 o'clock last night to wreck the St. Louis "Flyer" of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway by placing a tie on the track. The obstruction was placed at the top of a grade, but, fortunately, the tie caught under the pilot and was dragged some distance, enabling the engineer to stop his train.

Criminal Proceeding Unlikely. Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 20.—There will be no action in the case of ex-Auditor Moore before next Tucsday, Attorney General Smith is authority for the statement that criminal proceeding is not likely. Moore's bondsmen are arranging to pay over the \$22,000 he is short and so settle the case.

Protection Against Robberry Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 20.—As a protection against train robbers the territorial council has passed a measure providing that every sleeping car shall carry a fire and burglar proof safe for the storage of valuables while passing through this territory.

Will Be Tried for Murder. Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 29.—The jury in the case of Edward Flannagan, charged with the murder of Mrs. Allen and Miss Ruth Slack, this afternoon brought in a verdict pronouncing Flannagan sane. His trial for double murder will now follow.

Fatal Use of an Adz. Muskogee, I. T., Feb. 20.—(Special.) Louis Forbes, a section boss on the Valley road at Lenapah, was lodged in jall here to-night. Yesterday, in a difficulty, he struck Lee Smith with an adz, inflicting a mortal wound. He alleges self-defense.

Arrested for Incendiarism. Fort Scott, Kas., Feb. 20.—(Special.) Walker and Irvin Long, two prominent young farmers residing near Bronson, were arrested to-day, charged with burning a schoolhouse. They are 18 and 21, respectively.

STOCK YARDS COMMITTEE ISSUES A STATEMENT.

MISSOURI COMMITTEE SCORED.

A STRONG INTIMATION THAT IT HAS SOLD OUT.

Visit to the Yards Alleged to Have Changed Its Opinion-Statements of the Missouri Committeemen Resented-Legis-

Intive News.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 20 .- (Special.) The Kansas legislative committee which conferred with a similar committee from the Missouri legislature recently at Kansas City concerning needed uniform stock yards legislation is somewhat irritated over the published interviews of the Missouri crowd as to the result of the conference, and in its own defense Chairman Jaquins to-day issued a statement covering the case. The Missouri committee, if reported correctly, claimed that the Kansas committee was afraid to go to the stock yards for fear of being tempted. The Kansas committee, in defense, say that from all accounts the interests of stock producers and shippers of Missouri and Kansas would have been better subserved had the Missouri committee also kept away from the yards.

The Missouri committee claimed, after isiting the yards, that the rates provided for in the Kansas bill were so low that they would bankrupt the Stock Yards Company. The Kansas committee claims that the bill of the Missourians proposed even greater reductions than the Kansas bill did, and it was with much reluctance that the Jefferson City committee agreed to raise the figures on the profits to be allowed on feed. It is further charged by the Kansas committee that the Missouri committee unanimously agreed at the conference to go straightway to Jefferson City and introduce and secure the passage of a bill similar to the one now pending in the Kansas legislature. It is openly charged here that the Missopri crowd has been "fixed," and that the stock producers can expect no relief from the aggregation at Jefferson City. It is also contended positively that the Kansas legislature will pass the bill now pending.

The stock yards lobby is still hard at work, however, and every scheme possible s being evolved to defeat legislation. Although the same lobbyists are working for the railroads, they have given the Populists to understand that adverse railroad legislation is preferable to adverse stock yards legislation. Whether their influence had anything to do with the text book bill and the railroad bill being placed at the head of the calendar in the senate and the rail-road bill placed at the head of the house calendar, is not known. The story affoat to-night, however, is to the effect that the arrangement of the two calendars was as per agreement. The senate to-day rushed through the text book bill in order to get it on the house calendar ahead of the house ailroad and stock yards bills. But Brown chairman of the house railroad committee. would have his railroad bill considered before the senate text book bill. Chairma Jaquins, of the live stock committee, said stock yards bill following the railroad bill. matter that will be watched with deep in-

The statement issued to-day by Chairman Jaquins giving the sense of the Kansas committee concerning the Kansas-Missour

committee difficulty, follows: "The committee is greatly surprised to read the published interviews of the Missouri committee that met with it in conference at Kansas City in regard to uniform laws concerning stock yards legisla-tion in the two states. There ought not to be any misunderstanding as to the decision reached by the two committees at that meeting. After discussing the merits of the Kansas bill till 12 o'clock at night, it was almost unanimously agreed that it was sufficient for the Missouri committee o accept. The Missouri committee proclaimed itself satisfied. Proofs of the exthe Kansas City stock yards was so abun unnecessary to inquire further in that direction, and needed legislation in the in terests of the shipper and producer was at no time questioned. They felt that they should take further proof concerning the combine of the Live Stock exchange, the Traders' Union and other agencies that controlled the price of cattle to the injury of public policy. As to the charge that the Kansas bill was too drastic, too much of an onslaught on the Stock Yards company, and would ruin it, we simply have this to say: The bill brought up from Jefferson City by the members of this comnittee on live stock was lower on an average than was ours. As an illustration: Our bill provided for a profit of 100 per cent on feed, while theirs fixed the profit at 50 per cent. Our bill provided for 6 cents

yardage for hogs; theirs, 5 cents. On cattle, our fee for yardage was fixed at 15 cents, and theirs at 20. This makes the average lower in the Missouri bill than in the Kansas bill. It was with some of reluctance that the members of the Mis souri committee consented to raise the profit to be allowed on feed from 50 per cent to 100. They wanted to split the differ-ence and make it 75. They came down 2 ents also on yardage fee for cattle.
"As to the charge that the members of the Kansas committee were afraid to go to the stock yards, it is a visionary stretch of imagination. The committee's authority was to go to Kansas City to consult the

Missouri legislative committee concerning uniform legislation, and for that purpose only. We think, in the light of these in torviews, if they were correct, that the Missouri committee would not have been all souri committee would not have been so apt to change its verdict afterward if it also had kept away from the stock yards. The peculiar atmosphere about the Kansas City stock yards has heretofore had a bad effect on committees that visited it. They say that water is very bad about the yards, and is used only for washing purposes.

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"Since the committee has since returned to Jefferson City, we are hopeful that it will still be willing to further these great principles of reform that the members so eagerly manifested in the presence of the Kansas committee, and that their constituency will be able to have a renewed confidence in their legislative representation through a reduction of charges now practiced on both sides of the line that are little short of robbery to the producer.

"The Kansas legislature is in the harness in the interests of the people; it will compel a reduction in the charges of both the stock yards and the commission men. The bills now pending in the Kansas legislature will be enacted into law just as certainly as day follows night. No powerful lobby or stock yards money can prevent it. Wa recognize the their the stock and the complex can prevent it. certainly as day follows night. No power-ful lobby or stock yards money can pre-vent it. We recognize that there is still a big pressure being brought to bear to pre-vent stock yards legislation, but the lobby has run up against a different condition than what they have heretofore met, and

may as well stick up the white flag. If the Missouri legislature does as much to relieve the stock interests from extortion-ate charges at the Kansas City yards as the Kansas legislature will do, the people of Missouri can join those of Kansas in saying: 'Well done, thou good and faith-ful servants.'"

### DENIED BY MISSOURIANS.

Members of the Stock Yards Committee Declare They Have Not

Changed Front.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 20.—(Special.) Representative Whitecotton, chairman of the special committee on Misscuri stock yards investigation, said that there was no truth in the statement that the members of the committee had been influenced by their visit to the stock yards while in Kansas City to change their attitude upon the matters under investigation. He said that he was engaged in preparing a bill that would conform closely to the Kansas bill. Blanks would be left in it to be filled out by the committee, when it determines, at the close of its investigation, what emounts should be charged for feed, yardage and commiscommittee are determined to make an hon-

est and thorough investigatio Representative John T. Crisp, of Jackson county, said: "In the first place, can't believe that the Kansas committee on the stock yards could have made statements so derogatory to the members of the con mittee from the Missouri house of representatives. We went to the stock yards the courtesy of the Live Stock exchange n offering us the use of its hall. We were there only about thirty minutes and refused an invitation to dine while there. We returned to the hotel and resumed our investigation.

"In the next place, there was no change of front by any of the members of the

of front by any of the members of the committee, so far as I know. We left bills pending here in which we were interested when we went away and we were anxious to return and look after them. We will leave for St. Louis to-morrow night to hold sessions there and may remain until Tuesday evening.

Representative Slate, who introduced the original stock yards bill in the Missouri house, said that if there had been any disposition on the part of the other members of the committee to change their opinions he had not become aware of it. He will insist, he says, upon his bill, which limits the profit to be made by stock yards companies upon feed to 59 per cent, and cuts the yardage charges to 4 cents for sheep, 6 cents for hogs and 19 cents for cattle. He does not approve of the bill allowing 100 per cent profit on feed and 20 cents per head for yarding cattle.

### GOING TO ST. LOUIS.

Legislative Committee Will Investigate Mound City Stock Yards

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 20 -(Special.) The special committee appointed by the house to investigate complaints of extortion at the stock yards of Missouri will tion at the stock yards of Missouri will leave for St. Louis to-morrow night. On Monday they will listen to statements to be made by officers of the St. Louis Stock Yards Company and others, and on Tuesday they will give audience to a delegation fron St. Joseph. The committee's report will not be submitted to the house before Wednesday or Thursday. It will be, as outlined in The Journal several days ago, a recommendation that the stock yards companies be limited to 100 per cent profit on feed and to 20 cents per head for yardage of live stock.

## MONSTER OCEAN LINER.

Steamer Twenty-five Feet Longer Than the Great Eastern to

the New York agent of the White Star Steamship Line, has been advised that Messrs. Ismay, Imrie & Co., of that company, have authorized Harland & Wolff, of Belfast, Ireland, to build for their Liverpool and New York service a twin screw mail and passenger steamer, in which extreme speed is to be subordinated to the comfort and convenience of passengers of all classes. In her internal arrangements the vessel will be an enlarged reproduction of the Teutonic and Majestic except insofar as improvements may have suggested themselves in the size and fitting of the rooms, and which may be rendered practicable by the increased dimensions of the ship herself.

In reference to speed, it has been determined as far as possible to alm at a regular Wednesday morning arrival, both in New York and Liverpool, making the Irish land and Queenstown by daylight and enabl'ng passengers who may be traveling to places beyond the port of arrival to proceed to, and in the majority of cases, reach, their destinations with comfort during the day.

The new steamer, it is stated, will be 70 Belfast, Ireland, to build for their Liver-pool and New York service a twin screw

feet long, or 5 feet longer than the Great Eastern, and about 65 feet longer than any vessel now afloat. It is expected that she will be launched in January next. He name is to be Occanic, after the pionest vessel of the company, which has recently withdrawn after a successful career of ove twenty-five years.

## HANNA TO BE APPOINTED.

An Editorial in Governor Bushnell's Official Organ Thus Construed by His Friends.

Springfield, O., Feb. 20,-The Gazette which is regarded throughout the state as Governor Bushnell's official organ, toas Governor Bushnell's official organ, to-day publishes an editorial which is con-strued by the governor's friends to mean that he will appoint Mark Hanna to suc-ceed Sherman in the United States senate. The editorial is not specific, mentioning no candidate, but states the appointment will be of such a character as to increase the harmony in the party. Cleveland, O., Feb. 20.—A special from Columbus to-night gives an interview with Governor Bushnell regarding the senator

ship. The governor declined to discuss the question or to say what his probable action would be. It is expected that Mr. Hanna will be chosen.

### Not Yet Organized.

Salem, Ore.. Feb. 20.—Forty-one days have expired and the state legislature is still unorganized. The state constitution does not specify the number of days the legislature shall be in session, but provides for compensation for only forty days. The temper of both sides is such as to warrant the prediction that no organization can be

Bradley Summoned to Canton. Louisville, Ky., Feb. 20.—The Times' Frankfort special says Governor Bradley left there this morning in response to a summons from Major McKinley to confer with him at Canton. The governor's trip is expected to have an important bearing on the solution of the senatorial solution in this state.

Washington, Feb. 20.-F. J. Babcock, who has been associated with Senator Shannon for about thirteen years, will continue to act as his confidential secretary when h assumes control of the department of state Mr. Babcock is now clerk to the senate committee on foreign affairs.

# Gage's Private Secretary. Chicago, Feb. 20.—Frank A. Vanderlip, usistant managing editor of the Economist, a financial paper of this city, has accepted the position of private secretary to Lyman J. Gage, when that gentleman becomes secretary of the treasury.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 20.—Close friends in this city of Andrew Carnegie announce the interesting fact that an heir to the steel prince's millions is expected to arrive at an early day. Mrs. Carnegie is now at their country home at Greenwich, Conin., where she will await the event, which is looked for early in March.

No Iowa Investigations. Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 20.—The house day, after a heated debate, laid on the ble Senator Carney's resolution for an vestigation of the state institutions. T kills the investigation.

CONSUL GENERAL LEE WANTS THEM

### SENT TO HAVANA.

ENFORCE HIS DEMANDS.

MADE A REQUEST YESTERDAY THAT WAS REFUSED.

Asked for Permission to Exhume the Body of Dr. Ruiz, Alleged to Have Been Murdered-Instructed to Renew

New York, Feb. 21.-A dispatch to the

His Request.

Herald from Jacksonville, says: "Consul General Lee has requested in greent terms that the United States government send warships to Cuba because of the attitude of the Spanish authorities in relation to the alleged murder of Dr. Rulz, an American dentist, in the Guan-

abacoa prison." A special to the World from Washington

says: "Consul General Lee cabled from Havana to the state department this afternoon that he had made a formal request of Acting Captain General Ahumada for permission to exhume the body of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, an American dentist, who was found

dead in a prison at Guanabacoa. "The guards allege that Dr. Ruiz committed suicide, but information was conveyed to General Lee that he was murlered. It was desired to disinter the body to determine whether it was a case of murder or suicide.

"General Lee reported that this request n every way reasonable and made usual manuer, was refused, and all his proved unavailing. He asked instructions rom the state departme "Assistant Secretary Rockhill immediately laid the communication before Secretary Oiney, and in the next hour and a half

the subject. "General Lee was directed to renew his equest for the exhuming of the body of Dr. Ruiz, and to insist upon complia

with his demand. "In less than two hours after the receipt of General Lee's cablegram, Secretary Olney went to the executive mansion.
"Later, the matter was called to the attention of Senor De Lome, the Spanish minister, with the request that he straight-

# way have his government instruct its rep-resentative in Cuba to give full recognition to the rights of the American consul gen-eral." SPANISH MERCHANTS ON CUBA.

They Assert That Their Mother Country Will Never Give Up

the Fight. M. Escalaba, of Nogales, N. M., and is. Barreda, Sonors, Mex., are at the Midland. They are Spanish merchants who have been in Spain for six months visiting relatives and are now on their way home. They stopped in Kansas City to buy goods for their stores and will invest largely dur-

for their stores and will invest largely during their stay.

Mr. Barreda is interested largely in the milling business at Sonora, while Mr. Escalaba is a merchant and operates a large house at Nogales. Both are good friends of Kansas City and spend large sums with the merchants here each year.

"The people of Spain do not feel the least like giving up the Cuban struggle now, but are determined more than ever to keep it going and win," said Mr. Escalaba last evening. "I have been there for six months and know what the temper of the people is. There is a scarcity of cash in that country, but the people are enduring the discomforts of that sort of matter with pleasure so long as it is necessary to keep the army at work in Cuba.

"Mexico is certain to be the greatest country in the world by and by when it gets developed and the resources of the land begin to yield their real product. The climate will grow pretty nearly everything, the soil is the best and the mineral wealth is fabulous. I have been doing business there for thirteen years and think it is all right."

# \$10,000,000 ESTATE IN COURT.

Heirs of Ann R. Allen File Suit at St. Louis for a Division of the Property. St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 20,-The heirs of the

late Ann R. Allen, who died intestate in Pittsfield, Mass., a few weeks ago, have filed a suit in the circuit court, asking for an apportionment of the property. an apportionment of the property.

The plaintiffs are Thomas Alien, of Boston; George W. Allen, of St. Louis; Louis and Annie L. Chauvernet, of St. Louis; Mrs. Charles Atwater, of Pittsfield, Mass. William Russell Allen and Anne Russell Allen, of St. Louis. Their suit is directed against William R. and Ellizabeth L. Donaldson, of St. Louis. Mrs. Donaldson is a daughter of the late Mrs. Allen and a sister of the majority of the plaintiffs. The Allen estato is estimated at \$10.600,600, and consists mainly of real estate in St. Louis and Jefferson county, Mo.

GETS HALF THE ESTATE. Illegitimate Son of Bourbon County, Kas., Farmer Wins a Vic-

tory in Court. Fort Scott, Kas., Feb. 20.-(Special.) In the district court to-day, before Judge J. D. McCleverty, John Judd, 8 years old, J. D. McCleverty, John Judd, 8 years old, was given judgment for a half interest in the estate of William Judd, a wealthy farmer, who committed suicide before the child was born, and who was never married to the boy's mother. The case was tried in the district court several years ago, and judgment obtained. It was reversed by the supreme court on a technicality, and this is the second victory for the boy. His interest is valued at about \$6,000.

### The Eastward Flow of Gold.

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New York, Feb. 20.—The receipts of gold from the Pacific coast continue to attract attention. Since the end of January they amount to between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000, a good deal of which has been received by registered mail. San Francisco has to remit in order to discharge her obligations here, and, as neither New York exchange nor legal tender notes can be obtained in San Francisco to any large amount, the gold has to be shipped.

### Music as an Insunity Cure,

Kankakee, Ill., Feb. 29.—Professor Will-iam L. Tomilas, with the aid of thirty members of the Apollo Club, the Iamous musical organization of Chicago, has tried the curative effects of music upon the mindreds of unfortunates confined in the Kankakee insane asylum. Excellent results were achieved and it is the intention of Dr. Gopen, superintendent of the institution, to continue the work.

# Sedalia, Mo., Feb. 20.—(Special.) M. V. B. Shelton, a pioneer of Pettis, died of paralysis at the residence of his son-in-law. A. T. Irvine, in Hughesville, this morning. He was the father of Theodore Shelton, the St. Louis merchant, and Henry Shelton, of Hughesville. The interment will be in the Longwood cemetery, Sunday.

Pettis County Ploneer Dead.

Ardmore I. T., Feb. 29.—Governor Harris has telegraphed National Secretary Burris from Washington calling a special session of the Chickasaw legislature to convene February 24 to agree on some plan of action in regard to treating with the United States for the allotment of their lands.